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Received from the Museum of French Art Society one package addressed to The American Numismatic Society, and delivered by messenger from the Western Union Telegraph Company..

Bauman L. Belden
per M.R.

May 14th, 1915.

Museum of French Art,

400 Madison Avenue,

New York..

Dear Sirs:-

The package arrived this morning in good shape.

Much obliged..

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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December 18,
1919

American Numismatic Society,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

This office begs to acknowledge for Mr. McDougall Hawkes receipt of the Prince of Wales medal, which we presume is in silver, although we do not find th word "Sterling" stamped on it. In the box is a little tag with the number 3 on it, which we find also on the medal; we assume that this is the third strike. Mr. Hawkes will have much pleasure in presenting this medal to the Department of Numismatic of the Museum of French Art, of which Mr. Edward T. Newell, your president, is a most valued Curator.

We have been instructed by Mr. Hawkes to ask you if you will be good enough to note that he would prefer that all medals be sent to him without being sand blasted. Mr. J. Sanford Saltus gave to the Institute for presentation to the late Mr. de Billy, a copy of the Joan of Arc medal before it had been ruined by being sand blasted, and it was very much admired for its surface by those who were able to note the difference and make a comparison between the two. The present fashion of sandblasting medals is most unfortunate, as it destroys the delicacy of the modeling, the sharpness of the lines, and makes silver look as if it were nickle or some other base alloy.

Yours very truly,
Wilfred W. Christie
Administrative Secretary.

December 22, 1919

Mr. Wilfred W. Christie
Administrative Secretary
French Institute of the United States
599 Fifth Avenue
New York City

Dear Sir:

Receipt of your letter of the 18th is acknowledged.

The medal which was sent you is silver, although the word "sterling" does not appear on it. The number 3, concerning which you ask, indicates that this wasthe third silver medal struck.

Unfortunately Mr. Saltus neglected to state your preference for an unfinished medal when he directed the presentation. I shall bear your request in mind in future.

Very truly yours,

Secretary.

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December 31, 1919.

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 156th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Noe:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 27, 1919, and also of the medals. I am very anxious that none of the medals which come to me, and which I am presenting to the Numismatice Department of the Museum of FrencnArt, should be ruined by sand blasting. All details disappear in this process, which is, in my judgment, most unfortunate for future work.

Very truly yours,

McDougall Hawkes
President.

P.S.

The finish which is desired for all silver medals is the same finish for the Joan of Arc Medal in silver which was presented by the Institute through the kindness of Mr. John Sanford Saltus to Mr. de Billy late lamented French High Commissioner on April 6, 1918. This date will permit you to identify the medal which we received fromMr. Saltus.

October 15th, 192

Wilfred W. Christie, Esq.
French Institute of the United States
599 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of October 14th offering to address circulars to your members, giving them the opportunity to subscribe for the Foch Medal. As soon as they are ready, I will send them to you as you suggest. We much appreciate your co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Secretary

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January 23, 1922.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARDS OF TRUSTEES
OF THE FRENCH INSTITUTE IN THE UNITED STATES:

This office begs to advise you that the February, 1922, Stated Meetings of the Boards of Trustees of the Museum of French Art, of the Entente France America (and its affiliated society, the French American Chamber of Commerce, Inc.), and of the French Union, will take place on the first Thursday of February, 1922 (February 2, 1922), at 9:00 p.m., at the residence of the Honorable William A. Clark, 962 Fifth Avenue, New York.

The Honorable William A. Clark requests the pleasure of your company at dinner, previous to the meeting, at his residence, 962 Fifth Avenue, on the above occasion, at 7:30 p.m., precisely.

Will you be so good as to advise this office that you will be present?

Yours very truly,

Wilfred W. Christie
Administrative Secretary.

P.S.- If we do not hear from you affirmatively on or before the 28th of January, this office will understand that you are unable to accept.

January 25th, 1922

Wilfred W. Christie, Esq.
Institut Francais aux Etats-Unis
599 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Dear Sir:

In reply to your communication of January 23rd addressed to Mr. Newell, I beg to advise that Mr. Newell is in Europe and will consequently be unable to attend the dinner and meeting to be held on Februar 2nd.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW/E